EDZOOICATION ACTIVITY: WORLD ORANGUTAN DAY

Use each word once from the key below to fill in the blanks. Once you are done, color in your orangutan and give it a name!

I am a ______ orangutan. I am native to Borneo, an island in ______. I can grow five feet tall and my fur can be ______, red or brown in color. I am an ______, not a monkey, because I do not have a long tail. Some of my closest relatives are humans and _______.

Orangutans are ________, eating mostly fruits, but also bark, shoots and leaves, as well as ants, ______ and eggs from nests. Speaking of nests, I build them to sleep and rest in. I prefer my _____, which is made of leaves and branches, to be high up in the trees of a tropical _________.

In my country’s native language, the term ______ means “people of the forest”. My life depends on the rain forest because it provides me food and ______, which I get by drinking off leaves or from my own fur. The rain forest also provides shelter from predators like _______. My biggest threat isn’t an animal, it’s ________ of my habitat. The trees I live in produce a substance called ________, which is used in many common items that humans enjoy: cookies, margarine, ______, household cleaners and even makeup.

Because humans are cutting down the trees I live in, my species is critically ________ and on the brink of _________. But you can help save me! Don’t purchase items with palm oil or research more ________ alternatives. Visit virginiazoo.org/palmoil for more information.

HI! MY NAME IS ____________________